

## COIN ROUNDUP:

# Collectors Get Ready For '69 Coin Week

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National Coin Week, April 20-26, an important event to the collector, is sponsored by the American Numismatic Assn., the world's largest coin group.

The theme for 1969 is "Coins—Links in a Chain of Peace."

Edward C. Rochette, the association's public relations officer and coordinator of the program, has information for all who write to him at the headquarters—ANA, Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901.

ANA and the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations will work together in sharing the common theme.

This is the week that the public can view exhibits of coins in banks, mercantile institutions and museums, with an opportunity to become more familiar with the hobby of coin collecting.

Awards are given by the parent organization to those clubs and individuals with the finest displays. Numismatic awards are made to national and international clubs in various classes, depending on the number of members.

FAO suggested in 1966 to various world governments that a promising method of increasing public interest in world food and agricultural development would be to illustrate this theme on future coins. More than 25 nations have since stated that such coins will be issued, and an additional 60 have the proposal under different stages of consideration.

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**Q.** I have a dollar bill which has an extra piece of paper on the corner, but it is part of the same note. Could you tell me about this and its value?

**A.** This is caused by an accident folding of the sheet be-

fore it was trimmed. The value would depend on how much extra paper there is, whether the seal and signature are overprinted and so on. With the large amount of paper money being printed daily, errors occur much more frequently than they did in the past.

**Q.** I have a dime with the date 1800. The coin is badly worn on both sides, but the date does show. Could you tell me the approximate value?

**A.** The coin would have to be seen to set a value, as condition is extremely important. The 1800 dime, with under 22,000 made, is scarce and catalogs at \$67.50 in fair condition, which seems to be the condition of your coin. In brand-new condition, the catalog value would reach \$825.

**Q.** I have a few old Lithuanian coins. Could you give me an idea of their value?

**A.** Most Lithuanian coins scarce and difficult to obtain. The date, denomination and metal are important in determining the value, and there are some commemorative pieces which are quite scarce. Coins were issued from 1925 through 1938.

**Q.** I have a 1928 silver dollar which I understand is very scarce. Could you give me any information as to its rarity value?

**A.** The 1928 Peace dollar is the lowest mintage of this series, with 360,649 minted. It is the "key" coin of the Peace series and catalogs at \$55 in very fine condition, and \$90 when brand new. If it has an "S" for San Francisco on the reverse, the coin is not scarce and the value is lowered considerably.

Mr. Gould cannot answer mail personally, but will answer as many questions as possible through this column.)

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